





Claims 3-10 should be allowed as depending from what should be an allowed independent claim 2, as amended. Since Applicants believe that amended claim 2 is allowable, Applicants have not at this time rewritten claims 5-10 into allowable form.

Applicants have added claim 11 for consideration and allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 11 should be allowed for the same reasons that claim 2 should be allowed, as set forth above. In addition, claim 11 clearly recites that the shift movement results from rotatory energy storage and energy release actions of the force accumulator. This feature is clearly lacking in the cited references.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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